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SUBJECT: HYDROGEN AGREEMENT

1. REQUEST MISSION IMMEDIATELY INFORM IEA SECRETARIAT  
(LESLIE BOXER, RICHARD SCOTT) THAT U.S. HAS CAREFULLY  
REVIEWED HYDROGEN AGREEMENT AS SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT CRD  
(76) 23 (NOVEMBER 30, 1976) AND IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTIES  
SET FORTH BELOW RECOMMENDS AGREEMENT BE TEMPORARILY WITH-  
DRAWN FOR FURTHER REVISION.

2. U.S. IS OF THE VIEW THAT NEITHER ANNEX 1 NOR ANNEX 2 OF  
AGREEMENT ADEQUATELY DEFINES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE  
INDIVIDUAL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT NOR DO THEY ADEQUATELY  
DEFINE, FOR EXAMPLE, OUTPUT PRODUCTS OF THE COOPERATIVE  
WORK. U.S. BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO MORE PRECISELY DEFINE  
EACH PARTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES. ERDA IS UNDERTAKING ON A  
PRIORITY BASIS A REDRAFT OF THE ANNEXES AND HOPES TO BE  
ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM TO THE SECRETARIAT BY DECEMBER 13.

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3. IF COOPERATIVE WORK CONTEMPLATED UNDER EITHER ANNEX MAY RESULT IN ARISING INFORMATION (I.E., PATENTS OR PROPRIETARY DATA) THEN THE PRESENT TEXT OF ARTICLE 7 (INFORMATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY) IS NOT APPROPRIATE. FOR EXAMPLE, ANNEX 1, SECTION 2(C) SEEMS TO CONTEMPLATE EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS, PRESUMABLY WORKING IN EACH OTHER'S LABORATORIES. IF THIS IS INTENTION, THEN ARTICLE 7 MUST BE REVISED.

4. PLEASE ASSURE SECRETARIAT U.S. CONTINUES SUPPORT HYDROGEN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. REDRAFT OF AGREEMENT CLEARER STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN SHOULD STRENGTHEN COOPERATION. INFORMAL COOPERATION ALREADY TAKING PLACE AS RESULT OF ESTABLISHMENT IEA HYDROGEN WORKING PARTY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SHORT DELAY IN SIGNING FORMAL AGREEMENT WILL DETER ONGOING INTERACTION.

5. DELAY MAY ALSO BE USEFUL IN THAT IT WILL ALLOW EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WHICH IS OPERATING AGENT FOR ANNEX 1. FURTHER TIME TO COMPLETE INTERNAL PROCEDURES LEADING TO ACCESSION. WE WOULD PREFER OPERATING AGENT TO BECOME A PARTY TO AGREEMENT FROM OUTSET. ROBINSON

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